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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE – EXAMINING GROUP 1600**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Christoph Reinhard et al.  
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For : TETRASPAN PROTEIN AND USES THEREOF

Examiner : Karen A. Lacourciere  
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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated October 22, 2003, please extend the period of time for response two months to expire on March 22, 2004. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the required fee (deposit account charge). Please amend the application as shown on the attached pages.